that terorism was a scourge that needs to be effectively dealt with. It was decided in this meeting to put in place an India-Pakistan anti-terrorism institutional mechanism to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations. In pursuance of this decision, the Foreign Secretaries, during their talks on 14-15 November 2006, agreed to set up a 3-member joint anti error mechanism to be headed by Additional Secretary (International Organisations) of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and Additional Secretary (UN & EC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. The mandate of this mechanism would be to consider counter-terrorism measures including through the regular and timely sharing of information.

Dialogue between India and Pakistan on J & K

138. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dialogue on Jammu and Kashmir is going on between India and Pakistan through back channels;

(b) whether in these talk India has made some suggestions for the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir issue; and

(c) if so, whether Government take Parliament into confidence and state what suggestions or proposals on Jammu and Kashmir have been made to Pakistan and Pakistan's response to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Dialogue between India and Pakistan is continuing through various channels. India seeks a peaceful, negotiated settlement of all issues with Pakistan, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

Facts for Mumbai-Train Blasts

†139. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India has put forth the facts regarding the persons responsible for Mumbai-train blasts on 11th July 2006 to the representatives of Government of Americ.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the actions taken by America so far after receiving the facts?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As a part of ongoing dialogue with the US, the issue of cross-border terrorism and the Mumbai blasts has been discussed between the officials of the two countries.

Construction of Dam on Brahmaputra by China

†140. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam have informed the Central Government that China is planning to construct a dam on Brahmaputra river in its own territory;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have asked about the source of the said information for these Governments; and

(d) if so, the details of the sources and the viewpoint of China regarding construction of the said dam?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Government is in touch with the state governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam regarding reports about construction of dams on the River Brahmaputra in China.

(d) In reponse to a query, the Spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed to PTI on October 25, 2006, that, "China has no such plans to build a dam and divert water from Yarlung Zangbo

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